Expansion of AAY in Andhra Pradesh

1237. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Society for elimination of rural poverty has estimated on the basis of the World Bank criteria that in Andhra Pradesh 23,84,535 families are at the risk of hunger;

(b) if so, whether it is fact that so far only 10,34,545 families in rural areas have been covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana; and

(c) if so, the details of the work-plan of Government to cover the left over families under the next expansion of Antyodaya Anna Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. As reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, 13.68 lakh families in rural areas are covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana as on date.

(c) The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is made on the basis of number of household estimated on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 projected on the population projection of Registrar General as on 1.3.2000 or the number of ration cards issued by the State Government whichever is less. This procedure is uniformly followed throughout the country and can not be altered for any State in isolation.

At present 15.578 lakh AAY families in the State of Andhra Pradesh (Rural & Urban) are entitled for foodgrains under AAY. The State Government have identified and issued distinctive ration cards to 15.578 lakh families. Allocation of foodgrains is already being made to the State Government for all these identified AAY families at the prescribed scale of issue.

No further expansion of AAY is contemplated at present.

Damage to environment due to global warming

1238. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of damage to environment in the country has been done on account of global warming;